

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

**401 North Washington Street, Suite 100
Rockville, Maryland 20850**

MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2006

7:16 p.m.

ATTENDING

Leila Aridi Afas
Gloria A. Aparicio
Patricia E. Cornish
Judy A. Goldberg
Deborah L. Horan
Elizabeth Keyes
Resa Levy
Martha Nguyen
Regina L. Oldak
Tedi S. Osias
Shelia C. Parker
Fauzia S. Rashid
Yun Jung Yang

STAFF

Paula Rodgers
Tracy Stuger
Judith Vaughan-Prather
Margie Miller, Student Intern

ABSENT

Holly Fechner
Anne S. Kasper

I. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES.....Horan

President Horan called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Approval of the agenda as submitted was moved by Commissioner Oldak, seconded by Commissioner Rashid and unanimously passed.

President Horan noted a correction to the June 28, 2006 Minutes. She said that the recommendation to reappoint commissioners should also include Commissioner Fechner's name. Upon the motion of Commissioner Cornish, duly seconded by Commissioner Levy and unanimously passed, the Minutes of May 24, 2006 were approved with the correction.

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.....Horan

A. Introduction of New Commissioners

President Horan welcomed new Commissioners Leila Aridi Afas and Judy Goldberg and asked those in attendance to give a brief overview of their backgrounds and service on the CFW. Staff members were also introduced.

B. Planning Meeting Date and Time Reminder

Commissioners were reminded that the Annual Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the CFW conference room. Dinner will be provided.

C. CFW 35th Anniversary Plans

Commissioner Levy, who was recently appointed as the Director of Development of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore Music Hall, said that she learned that the BSO is planning a program on June 7, 2007—the start of BSO at Strathmore’s Women’s Month. June 7, 2007 is also the 35th anniversary of the date that CFW’s enabling legislation went into effect.

The proposal that the CFW host a pre-event at the Strathmore Mansion to commemorate the anniversary was enthusiastically received by the commissioners. Commissioner Levy said that she can put approximately 100-150 tickets on hold at a price of \$40-80 each and group discounts are available. Individual tickets for BSO at Strathmore’s 2006-2007 program season go on sale beginning August 7, 2006 and if the Commission desired to plan its anniversary celebration to coincide with BSO’s Women’s Month, it would be important to have a block of tickets reserved soon.

The following commissioners agreed to serve on a Commission Anniversary Planning (CAP) Committee to organize an event: President Horan, Commissioners Aparicio, Goldberg, Levy, Nguyen, Parker, and Yang. Executive Director Vaughan-Prather will staff the Committee.

D. 2007 Women’s Legislative Briefing Update

A commissioner is needed to chair the 2007 Women’s Legislative Briefing, which will be held on January 28, 2007. Commissioner Oldak served as chair of the Briefing in 2006 and Commissioner Parker served in 2005 and 2004. Donna Brazile, Founder and Managing Director of Brazile and Associates and Chair of the Democratic National Committee’s Voting Rights Institute, will be the keynote speaker. The selection of a chair for the 2007 event will be decided at the CFW Annual Planning Meeting on August 30.

E. Election of CFW Vice Presidents

Elections for CFW first and second vice presidents will take place at the September 27, 2007 CFW meeting. Intent to Run forms were distributed in tonight's meeting packet and must be returned before the August 30, 2006 CFW meeting.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No items to report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – No items to report.

V. STAFF REPORT.....Vaughan-Prather

A. This is Tracy Stuger's last CFW meeting. For over 7 years, Tracy has served as the CFW Legislative and Budget Specialist and is resigning on August 4 to become a Law Clerk with Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Marielsa Bernard. Executive Director Vaughan-Prather commended Ms. Stuger for the excellent service she has provided to the CFW and to the women of Montgomery County. Ms. Vaughan-Prather said that she is in the process of hiring for Ms. Stuger's position as well as the new part-time Program Specialist approved in the FY07 Budget, and she expects to have both on board by the end of August.

B. The 2006 Summer Computer Camps are underway. Thirty-eight girls received scholarships which included scholarship money donated by the Business and Professional Women and by Discovery Communications as well as those provided through the CFW's appropriations. Ten additional girls received scholarships from the Passion for Learning program. Three girls, who received CFW scholarships but were unable to attend due to summer school obligations, are being given the opportunity to attend a new Video Production Camp initiated by Montgomery College. The \$500 tuition for the Video Production Camp will be covered by the original scholarship money with the additional \$50 for each girl to be paid by Montgomery College. Legislative and Budget Specialist Tracy Stuger and Administrative Specialist Paula Rodgers will deliver tee shirts contributed by Lockheed Martin to the camp participants.

C. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)

NACW is keeping CFW very busy. Student Intern Margie Miller has been researching and organizing all the resolutions adopted by NACW over the past 37 years. (*See Agenda Item VII.B. "Liaison Reports" for a report on the NACW Annual Business Meeting and Convention which took place July 19-22, 2006 in Lincoln, Nebraska.*)

VI. COMMITTEE REORTS

A. Policy and Legislation (PAL) Oldak

1. Legislation - Commissioner Oldak reported that the Fair Share Act was overturned by the court and the decision will be appealed.

Sexual Assault Prevention - President Horan reported that the U.S. Senate Commerce Justice Science Appropriations Subcommittee funded the Sexual Assault Services Program for \$5 million; however, the full Senate must vote on it and this will probably take place in September.

2. Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) – Commissioner Osias moved that CFW renew its membership for the 2006-07 year with MLAW. The motion was accepted by Commissioner Oldak and unanimously approved. Staff will process the membership renewal form and payment.

B. Immigrant Women in Montgomery County (IWin)Yang

1. Media Campaign – Commissioner Aparicio participated in a Cable television interview last week and Commissioners Yang and Nguyen are scheduled to participate in an upcoming “*East Meets West*” cable television show hosted by Ginny Gong.

2. Domestic Workers Employment Guide – The newly designed covers for the guide were shared with commissioners. Translations for the guide have begun and the IWIN Committee is developing a distribution plan.

3. Chocolate, Checks and Champagne - Commissioner Yang reported that the final count of donations collected from the Chocolate, Checks and Champagne event was \$4,605. Over 66 people attended the June 11 event and donations were received from 78 people. The Committee decided not to hold a fundraiser in 2007 in deference to the CFW’s 35th Anniversary event.

4. Domestic Workers Study – Committee members are reviewing and discussing the Domestic Workers study report conducted by George Washington graduate students on behalf of the County Council. The committee’s recommendations on the final report will be presented to CFW at the September meeting.

C. Status of Women in Montgomery County (SWIM)Cornish

The SWIM Committee has completed its review of the sections on women in education, immigrant women, and women and the economy drafted by the CFW research associate Claudia Lujan. Work is in progress on the sections on health, law, politics, demographics and the conclusions section.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Women's Fair

On July 13, Angela Magliozzi, past chair of the Women's Fair Committee, met with Executive Director Vaughan-Prather to request the Commission's assistance in funding the annual Women's Fair. The Committee ran out of funds and is unable to hold the 2007 event at the Bethesda Marriott Conference Center. It requested a \$50,000 grant from Montgomery County government, but was turned down, and Ms. Magliozzi asked whether CFW could add a line item in the department's budget to help the fair.

Commissioners discussed Ms. Magliozzi's request. The FY07 budget has already been submitted and unfortunately, CFW would not be able to provide such financial support at this time. Executive Director Vaughan-Prather will respond back to Ms. Magliozzi's request.

B. NACW Conference.....Cornish

Commissioner Cornish and Executive Director Vaughan-Prather, who serve as Associate Directors of NACW, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend the 2007 NACW Conference "Making It REAL - Respect, Equality, Achievement and Leadership" held July 19-22. Commissioner Cornish said that approximately 100 people attended, representing 33 commissions. Excellent workshops were presented with dynamic speakers and were well attended. NACW was able to obtain several corporate sponsors to help underwrite the expenses of the conference.

Ms. Cornish said that she and Ms. Vaughan-Prather conducted four workshops between the two of them, including co-presenting a "*Survival Strategies for Commissions for Women*" workshop. Ms. Vaughan-Prather co-led an orientation for new members and led an Executive Director exchange program while Ms. Cornish led one for commissioner leaders.

Ms. Cornish said that NACW has come a long way since last year--memberships have increased and there are many opportunities for future growth because of new projects being planned. The NACW board and many conference participants expressed appreciation for the work done by the Montgomery County CFW in keeping the NACW organization functioning. It is very clear that the MCCFW's efforts are both successful and very much appreciated.

C. Human Resources Transition Employment Panel

Former Commissioner Barbara Zelenko served as the CFW representative to the county's Human Resources Commission Employment Panel for several years. In 2003, the panel was disbanded but a case filed on appeal required that the panel

be reconstituted. Ms. Zelenko's term on the CFW ended in June 2003; however, she agreed to continue to represent CFW on the reconvened Transition Employment Panel in order to close out the appealed case.

The case has continued until now but has finally been settled. Executive Director Vaughan-Prather will send a letter of appreciation to Ms. Zelenko for representing CFW all these years.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Dialogue for Progress, sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women on August 12 at Montgomery College's Takoma Park campus.
- B. The Board of Directors at Strathmore is sponsoring 2006 Wine, Women, and Song, a wine pairing and tasting event featuring international wine and cuisine on September 9, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Music Center at Strathmore. The event will support Strathmore's Arts Education and Community Program Fund.
- C. Commissioners are asked to review the CFW roster for any necessary changes in their contact information and let Administrative Specialist Paula Rodgers know of any changes that need to be made to the roster, as well as any changes needed in the commissioner's website information.

IX. FAREWELL TO TRACY STUGER

The Commissioners thanked Tracy Stuger for her seven years of service to the CFW, especially for all of her work on behalf of the Policy and Legislation Committee and the Women's Legislative Briefing Committee. They presented her with a gift to express their appreciation. On August 14, Ms. Stuger begins her new job as the Law Clerk for Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Marielsa Bernard.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission for Women, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By
Paula S. Rodgers
Montgomery County Commission for Women**